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<p>Forwarded to:</p> <p>Mr. Robert R. Kiley Chairman Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority 45 High Street Boston, Massachusetts 02110</p>	}	<p>SAFETY RECOMMENDATION(S)</p> <p><u>R-76-16</u></p>
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On August 1, 1975, during the evening rush hour, southbound traffic on the Red Line of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) in Boston backed up because of a train standing at a stop signal in the tunnel south of Charles Street Station. Train 1402, a four-car "Bluebird" train, stopped at signal 236 because of the backup. Train 1604, a four-car "Silverbird" train, was keyed by signal 234 and crashed into 1402 about 4:58 p.m. About 3 minutes later, a four-car "Bluebird" train, 1431, crashed into the rear of train 1604. One hundred and fifty-four persons were injured; total damage to equipment was estimated to be \$425,000. 1/

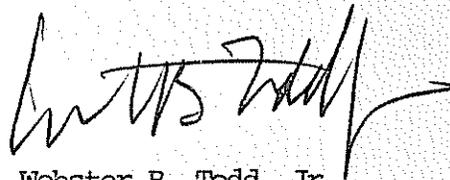
An MBTA investigating committee investigated this accident and released a report on its findings on October 3, 1975. The committee recommended corrections in each area which it determined to be causal in this accident. The Safety Board concurs in the investigating committee's recommendations.

Therefore, the National Transportation Safety Board recommends that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority:

Implement the recommendations made by the MBTA investigating committee. (R-76-16) (Class II, Priority Followup)

1/ For more detailed information on this accident, read "Railroad Accident Report: Rear End Collision of Three Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Trains, August 1, 1975. (RAR-76-5)."

TODD, Chairman, McADAMS, BURGESS, and HALEY, Members, concurred in the above recommendation. HOGUE, Member, did not participate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Webster B. Todd, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

By: Webster B. Todd, Jr.
Chairman

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